

Climate Change Adaptation Plan, January-February-March 2021

The Climate Change Coordinator completed the Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan. The main sections include Introduction, Planning Process, Climate Change, Climate Projections, Impacts Summary, Risk and Vulnerability Assessment, Adaptation Vision, Goals and Actions, Implementation, and Monitoring & Evaluation. The plan was shared with Niagara Adapts, ASC and SLT for their feedback. The feedback was accommodated as it was received and it was an ongoing process that is underway. The climate change coordinator attended Workshop #8 with Niagara Adapts on Implementation. The Coordinator also reviewed Town's Engineering Design Guide to accommodate the changes based on adaptation planning. The monthly breakdown is listed in the next paragraphs.

In January, the Climate Change Coordinator prepared a first draft of the final plan which was shared with Niagara Adapts for their feedback. The process included compiling different sections, writing the sections, research climate change data and information for various sections of the plan. The Niagara Adapts team provided their feedback on the draft plan which was considered and the changes were made.

In February, the Climate Change Coordinator attended Workshop #8 on implementation conducted by Niagara Adapts and Savanta. The Climate Change Coordinator continued working on the plan. The process and receiving and accommodating feedback continued along with formatting the plan according to brand guidelines while also personalizing the plan for the Town using the defining and iconic Town pictures.

In March, the climate change coordinator presented the plan to the Senior Leadership Team. The feedback that will be received will be accommodated to the plan before the plan is shared with the Council for approval. Additionally, the Climate Change Coordinator met with David Cribbs, Jason Marr, and Derek Young to delve into the Town's mitigation planning. The Climate Change Coordinator reviewed the Town's Engineering Design Guide. The Climate Change Coordinator also attended a Panel discussion on Implementation organized by Niagara Adapts.

In the coming months, the Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan will be shared with the Council for approval. The required updates will be accommodated in the Engineering Design Guide to accommodate for adaptation planning. Moreover, the Town will look into mitigation activities along with the beginning of the implementation of the adaptation plan. Besides, Niagara Adapts will conduct a Knowledge Mobilization workshop (last in the series) in May which will be attended by the Climate Change Coordinator.